

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation provides county governments with the same option cities currently have to permit and conduct electrical and plumbing inspections. Currently, all county plumbing and electrical inspections are conducted by the Division of Building Safety. With this option extended to counties, they can consider adopting an inspection program that may provide a more efficient inspection process and better utilization of inspectors. In addition, counties adopting an electrical and plumbing inspection program will have the flexibility to contract with other counties, cities, or DBS for these services. If a county chooses not to adopt an electrical or plumbing inspection program, DBS will continue permitting and inspection duties, as they are today. The legislation repeals obsolete sections, in compliance with OAG 95-1, that refer to city jurisdiction within the area of impact. The legislation does not alter or change the professional licensing process or inspector qualifications and standards that are currently in code.

FISCAL NOTE

There may be a fiscal impact to the Division of Building Safety due to reallocation of inspectors, but that impact cannot be known at this time, as it is contingent on counties exercising the inspection option. The impact for county government will be determined on a county-by-county basis, as each evaluates the benefits of adopting its own electrical and plumbing inspection program.

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